AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

1-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method of treating valvular dysfunction of an in situ valve of a heart, said method comprising:

providing a device ~~having~~ including a single, continuous elongate member having first and second ends, a first anchor disposed at the first end, and a second anchor disposed at the second end;

positioning the ~~member~~ device at the in situ valve;

positioning the first and second anchors outside the chambers of the heart;

applying a force to a wall of the heart with the device so as to displace a portion of the wall to a displaced state and to reduce a transverse dimension of a portion of the heart; and

holding said portion of the wall in said displaced state, wherein holding the portion of the wall in said displaced state promotes closure of the in situ valve.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said member is passed through a wall of said heart from a location outside said heart.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said holding occurs by anchoring said member to a surface of said heart.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said portion of the wall is displaced from a location outside said heart.

31-35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a heart, said method comprising:

providing a tensioning device comprising a single, continuous elongate member having first and second ends, a first anchor disposed at the first end, a second anchor disposed at the second end, and a third anchor connected to the first anchor,

~~providing a tensioning device comprising a first anchor, a second anchor, a third anchor connected to the first anchor, and an elongate member adapted to be engaged in tension between said first and second anchors,~~

positioning and securing said first and second anchors adjacent a heart wall outside the heart,

positioning and securing said third anchor at an in situ valve,

wherein securing said first and second anchors adjacent to a heart wall outside the heart displaces a portion of the heart wall to a displaced state and holds the portion of the heart wall in the displaced state so as to reduce a transverse dimension of a portion of the heart.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein said elongate member is tightened after securing said first and second anchors.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, further comprising a second elongate member connecting the first anchor to the third anchor.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the elongate member extends across a heart chamber.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein displacing a portion of the heart wall includes altering the geometry of a heart chamber.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, wherein the heart chamber is a left ventricle of a heart.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein said first, second, and third anchors include anchor pads.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the second anchor is connected to the third anchor.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the second anchor is connected to the third anchor by a third elongate member.